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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Service – Agricultural Marketing Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 172 of A.P. (AP&LS) Market Rules 1969 – Article of Charge – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION(VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt.No.:263 **Dated:18.04.2023**

Read the following:-

1. E-file No.AGC05-16021/53/2022-DISCPLR SEC-MRKT(Computer No.1919583), dated:28.02.2023 & 28.03.2023 of the C&DoAM, AP, Guntur.
2. G.O.Ms.No.20, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., dated:18.04.2023.

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O R D E R :-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District in accordance with the procedure laid down in under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Apeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 172 of A.P.(AP&LS) Market Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statements of article of charge (Annexure-I & II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed(Annexure–III & IV).

3. Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District is directed to submit his written statement of defence within 15 days from the receipt of this order.

4. Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge that are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charges.

5. Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be proceeded based on the material available.

6. Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that under which no circumstances, Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside

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influence to hear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PARDESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary,
AMC, Proddatur, and District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer,
Kurnool District.
(Through: The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur(with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature of the Charged Officer to Government)
SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

[Annexure to G.O.Rt.No.263, A&C(Vig.II) Dept., Dated:18.04.2023]

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. NARAYANA MURTHY, THE THEN SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY, AMC, PRODDATUR AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURE TRADE & MARKETING OFFICER, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

ARICLE OF CHARGE

"That Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, presently working as District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District has committed irregularities in issue of voluntary retirement orders and processing the service pension proposals in respect of Smt. G. Sakunthala, Junior Market Supervisor (Retired), AMC, Proddatur Y.S.R. Kadapa District.

Thus it shows his gross negligence towards his official duties and lack of devotion to duty and thus, violated the Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964 and violated the Rule 31 of A.P.(AP & LS) Markets Rules, 1969".

ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. NARAYANA MURTHY, THE THEN SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY, AMC, PRODDATUR AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURE TRADE & MARKETING OFFICER, KURNOOL DISTRICT

Imputation of Charges:

Basing on report of the Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur, Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, presently working as District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District, has submitted the service pension proposals in respect of Smt. G. Sakunthala, Junior Market Supervisor (Retired), AMC, Proddatur, who was voluntary retired from service with the qualifying service of 16 years 11 months and 19 days to the Assistant Director of Marketing, Kadapa, vide Roc.No. 50/2018, dated: 10.10.2018.

As per Rule 43 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, there is need twenty (20) years of qualifying service for sanction of service pension to the retired employees. But Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, AMC, Proddatur, presently working as District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District has submitted the service pension proposals in respect of Smt. G. Sakunthala, Junior Market Supervisor (Retired) AMC, Proddatur with only 16 years 11 months and 19 days of qualifying service. Hence, it is clearly revealed that Smt. G. Sakunthala, Junior Market Supervisor (Retired), AMC, Proddatur is not entitled for service pension due to less than 20 years of qualifying service.

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Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Proddatur, presently working as District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District, did not take any action on erroneous pension proposal submitted by the individual and forwarded the service pension proposals to the Assistant Director of Marketing, Kadapa and recommended for necessary sanction with a mala-fide intention.

An amount of Rs.5,72,698/- (Rupees Five lakhs Seventy Two thousand Six hundred and Ninety Eight only) erroneously paid to Smt. G. Sakunthala, Junior Market Supervisor (Voluntary Retired), AMC, Proddatur for reason of erroneous service pension proposals submitted by Sri A. Narayana Murthy, the then Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Proddatur, presently working as District Agriculture Trade & Marketing Officer, Kurnool District.

Thus, it shows his gross negligence, failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of the public servant and contravened Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rule 1964 and violated the rule 31 of A.P.(AP& LS) Market Rules,1969. Hence, the charge.

ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. NARAYANA MURTHY, THE THEN SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY, AMC, PRODDATUR AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURE TRADE & MARKETING OFFICER, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

1. Roc.No.50/2018, dated:26.09.2018 of the Chairman, Agricultural Market Committee, Proddatur.
2. Roc.No.50/2018, dated:10.10.2018 of the Special Grade Secretary, Agricultural Market Committee, Proddatur.
3. Letter No.SA/135/2018, dated:16.11.2018 of the Asst. Director of Marketing (FAC), Kadapa.
4. Note submitted No.Note#12 to Note#19, e-file No.18021/120/2018, dated:16.07.2019.
5. Proc.No.D.Dis.No.P-2-18021/120/2018 (P.P.O.No.4188) dated:16.07.2019 of Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P, Guntur.

ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM BY THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A. NARAYANA MURTHY, THE THEN SPECIAL GRADE SECRETARY, AMC, PRODDATUR AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURE TRADE & MARKETING OFFICER, KURNOOL DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Sri M. Kalyana Chakravarthy, Audit Officer, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY, IFS,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT